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There has been presented to the

Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED DISTINCT VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED, OR TUBER PROPAGATED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE REGORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF TWENTY YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPUSIONSHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE CHI TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR RING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR CONDITIONING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE PURPOSE, OR CONDITIONING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT. (84 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

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In Testimone Merrot, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Hant Intiety Frotection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this seventeenth day of April, in the year two thousand and six.

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Commissioner
Plant Variety Protection Office
Agricultural Marketing Service

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE (Instructions and information collection burden statement on reverse)		The following statements are made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Paper Control of the Paper Control		
		Application is required in order to determine i (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confiden	Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).	
NAME OF OWNER Monsanto Technology LLC		2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION OR EXPERIMENTAL NAME CMK0002B1R	3. VARIETY NAME 0384279	
4. ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State,	and ZIP Code, and Country)	TELEPHONE (include area code)	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY	
3302 S.E. Convenience Blvd. P.O. Box 3010 Ankeny, IA 50021 7. IF THE OWNER NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON", GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION (corporation, partnership, association, etc.) 8. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE ORGANIZATION (corporation, partnership, association, etc.)		(515) 963-4200 6. FAX (include area code)	PVPO NUMBER 00400310	
		(515) 965-3001 9. DATE OF INCORPORATION	9/24/2004	
Limited Liability Company			12,720,	
Donald Steffen 3302 S.E. Convenience Blvd. P.O. Box 3010 Ankeny, IA 50021	IVE(S) TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION. <i>(Fir</i> s	t person listed will receive all papers)	F FILING AND EXAMINATION FEES: \$ 3,652.00 R E C C C C E I V D DATE	
11. TELEPHONE (Include area code)	12. FAX (Include area code)	13. E-MAIL	14. CROP KIND (Common Name)	
(515) 965-3022	(515) 965-3001	destef@monsanto.com	Soybean	
15. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME OF CROP		16. FAMILY NAME (Botanical)	17. IS THE VARIETY A FIRST GENERATION	
Glycine max (L.) Merr.		Fabaceae (Leguminosae)	HYBRID?	
 18. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED (Follow instructions on reverse) a.		the duration of the certificate. r, and believe(s) that the variety is new, distinct, uniform, and stable as required in Section 42,		
SIGNATURE OF OWNER		SIGNATURE OF OWNER		
NAME (Please print or type) U Donald Steffen		NAME (Please print or type)		
CAPACITY OR TITLE	DATE	CAPACITY OR TITLE	DATE	
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GENERAL: To be effectively filed with the Plant Variety Protection Office (PVPO)ALL of the following items must be received in the PVPO: (1) Completed application form signed by the owner; (2) completed exhibits A, B, C, E;(3) for a seed reproduced variety at least 2,500 viable untreated seeds, for a hybrid variety at least 2,500 untreated seeds of each line necessary to eproduce the variety, or for tuber reproduced varieties verification that a viable in the sense the will reproduce an entire plant) tissue culture will be deposited and maintained in an approved public repository; (4) check drawn on a U.S. bank for \$652 (\$43) filling fee and \$3,220 examination fee), payable to "Treasurer of the United States" (See Section 97.6 of the Regulations and Rules of Practice.) Partial applicat will be held in the PVPO for not more than 90 days, then returned to the applicant as unfiled. Mail application and other requirements to Plant Variety Protecti Office, AMS, USDA, Room 500, NAL Building, 10301 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD20705-2351. Retain one copy for your files. All items on the face of the application are self explanatory unless noted below. Corrections on the application form and exhibits must be itialed and dated. DO NOT use masking materi to make corrections. If a certificate is allowed, you will be requested to send a check payable to "Treasurer of the United States" in the amount of \$2 for issua of the certificate. Certificates willbe issued to owner, not licensee or agent.

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Homepage: http://www.ams.usda.gov/sciencepvpo/pvp.htm

ITEM

18a. Give:

- (4) the genealogy, including public and commercial varieties lines, or clones used, and the breeding method,
- (2) the details of subsequent stages of selection and multiplication;
- (3) evidence of uniformity and stability; and
- (4) the type and frequency of variants during reproduction and multiplication and statchow these variants may be identified
- 18b. Give a summary of the variety's distinctness. Clearly state how this application variety may be distinguished from all other varieties in the same crop. If new variety is most similar to one variety or a goup of related varieties:
 - (1) identify these varieties and state all differences objectively;
 - (2) attach statistical data for characters expressed numerically and demonstrate that these are clear differences, and
 - (3) submit, if helpful, seed and plant specimens or photographs (prints) of seed and plant comparisons which clearly indicate distinctness.
- 18c. Exhibit C forms are available from the PVPO Office for most crops; specify crop kind. Fill in Exhibit C (Objective Description of Variety) form asompletely as possible to describe your variety.
- 18d. Optional additional characteristics and/or photographs. Describe any additional characteristics that cannot be accurately conveyed in Exhibit C. Use comparative varieties as is necessary to revealmore accurately the characteristics that are difficult to describe, such as plant habit, plant color, disease
- 18e. Section 52(5) of the Act requires applicants to furnish a statement of the basis of the applicant's ownership. An ExhibE form is available from the PVPO.
- 19. If "Yes" is specified (seed of this variety be sold by variety name only, as a class of certified seed) the applicant MAY NOT reverse this affirmative decision after the variety has been sold and so labeled, thedecision published, or the certificate issued. However, if "No" has been specified, the applicant may change the choice. (See Regulations and Rules of Practice, Section 97.103).
- 21. See Section 83 of the Act for the Contents and Term of Plant VarietyProtection.
- 22. See Sections 41, 42, and 43 of the Act and Section 97.5 of the regulations for eligibility requirements.
- 23. See Section 5.5 of the Act for instructions on claiming the benefit of an earlier filing date.
- 21. CONTINUED FROM FRONT (Please provide a statement as to the limitation and sequence of generations that may be certified.)

22. CONTINUED FROM FRONT (Please provide the date of first sale, disposition, transfer, or use for each country and the circumstances, if the variety (including any harvested material) or a hybrid produced from this variety has been sold, disposed of, transferred, or used in the U.S. or other countries.)

23. CONTINUED FROM FRONT (Please give the country, date of filing or issuance, and assigned refeence number, if the variety or any component of the variety is protected by intellectual property right (Plant Breeder's Right or Patent).)

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U.S. Patent No. 5,776,760. Issue Date: July 7, 1998. Assignee: Monsanto Company. Patent Application No. 484,274.

NOTES: It is the responsibility of the applicant/owner to keep the PVPO informed of any changes of address or change of ownership or assignment or owner's representative during the life of the application/certificate. There is no charge for ifing a change of address. The fee for filing a change of ownership or assignment or any modification of owner's name is specified in Section 97.175 of the regulations. (See Section 101 of the Act, and Sections 97.130, 97.131, 97.175(h) of the Regulations and Rules of Practice.)

To avoid conflict with other variety names in use, the applicant must check thappropriate recognized authority. For example, for agricultural and vegetable crops, contact: Seed Branch, AMS, USDA, Room 213, Building 306, Besville Agricultural Research Center-East, Beltsville, MD 20705. Telephone: (301) 504-8089. http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/seed.htm

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0581-0055. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 3.0 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

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EXHIBIT A

ORIGIN AND BREEDING HISTORY

1998 - Final cross was made in 1998 at Isabela, Puerto Rico.

Parentage: Jim/AGA06801

Source of glyphosate tolerance is 40-3-2.

- 1998 F1 generation was grown at Isabela, Puerto Rico and advanced using modified single seed descent.
- 1999 F2 generation was grown at Isabela, Puerto Rico and advanced using modified single seed descent.
- 1999 F3 bulk populations were grown at Fargo, North Dakota and single plants pulled.
- 2000 F3 derived E4 plants were grown at Rancagua, Chile in progeny rows and variety 0384279 was selected was selected based on agronomic characteristics, including, but not limited to, general plant health, lodging, early emergence, and general disease resistance, including resistance to PRR, SCN, BSR, SDS, stem canker, etc.
- 2000 F3:5 breeder seed was grown at Fargo, North Dakota for progeny row increase and in yield tests at 3 locations in North Dakota and Minnesota.

Variety 0384279 was observed to be uniform and stable for the characteristics described within this application based on our observations since 2000 and, henceforth, to present. No variants were observed during this time.

Variety 0384279 has continued to be grown in yield tests at 6 locations in 2001 and 13 locations in 2002 for comparison against other varieties to determine how it would be used in our marketing program.

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EXHIBIT B

NOVELTY STATEMENT

To our knowledge, the soybean varieties that most closely resemble 0384279 are SN83544, and 0207962:

1. Hilum color	0384279 SN83544 0207962	BrownImperfect YellowBlack
2. PRR Gene	0384279	- Susceptible
(Tolerance to Phytophthora Root Rot)	SN83544	- Susceptible
(161:41242005 per applicant's authorization)	0207962	- Rps1k

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE BELTSVILLE, MD 20705 EXHIBIT C (Soybean)

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY SOYBEAN (Glycine max (L.) Merr.)

NAME OF APPLICANT(S)	Monsanto Technology L	LC		FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
ADDRESS (Street and No. or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code)				PVPO NUMBER 200400310
	3302 S.E. Convenience I P.O. Box 3010	Blvd.		VARIETY NAME 0384279
	Ankeny, IA 50021		-	TEMPORARY OR EXPERIMENTAL DESIGNATION CMK0002B1R
PLEASE READ ALL INST	TRUCTIONS CAREFULLY: Place the a	ppropriate number that describ	es the varietal character of th	is variety in the boxes below.
Place a zero in the first box	(e.g. 099 or 09) when nu	mber is either 99 or less or 9 or	less respectively. Data for qu	uantitative
plant characters should be	based on a minimum of 100 plants Com	parative data should be determ	ined from varieties entered in	the same trial. Royal
Horticultural Society or an	y recognized color standard may be used	to determine plant colors; desig	gnate system used:	
	for your variety; lack of response may de	elay progress of your application	a.	
A. MORPHOLOG	Y			
Seed Shape:				
3 = Elo	L/T, and T/W ratios < 1.2)	(L/W ratio 4 = Elonga	cal-Flattened > 1.2; L/T ratio < te-Flattened > 1.2; T/W ratio > 1	
Seed Coat Color:				
$\boxed{1} \qquad 1 = Yel$	low 2 = Green	3 = Brown	4 = Black	5 = Other (Please Specify)
Seed Coat Luster:				
1 1 = Dul	2 = Shiny			
Seed Size:				
0 0 . 0	grams/100 seeds	•		
<u> Jilum C</u> olor:				
3 1 = Buf 6 = Blac		3 = Brown ase Specify)	4 = Gray	5 = Imperfect Black
Cotyledon Color:				
$\boxed{1} \qquad 1 = Yell$	low 2 = Green			

A. MORPHOLOGY (Continued)

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Seed Protein Peroxidase Activity:

$$1 = Low$$

$$2 = High$$

Hypocotyl Color:

Leaf Shape:

Flower Color:

Pod Color:

$$3 = Black$$

Pubescence Color:

Plant Habit:

Maturity Group:

$$1 = 000$$
$$6 = III$$

$$2 = 00$$
$$7 = IV$$

$$3 = 0$$
$$8 = V$$

$$4 = I$$
$$9 = VI$$

$$5 = II$$
$$10 = VII$$

$$12 = IX$$

$$o = v$$

$$13 = X$$

$$14 = XI$$

$$15 = XII$$

Maturity Subgroup:

Please enter a value from 0 - 9

B. DISEASE REACTIONS

Bacterial

- Bacterial Pustule (Xanthomonas campestris pv. glycines (Nakano) Dye)
- Bacterial Blight (Pseudomonas syringae pv. glycinea (Coerper) Young, Dye, & Wilkie)
- Wildfire Blight (Pseudomonas syringae pv. tabaci (Wolf & Foster) Young, Dye, & Wilkie)

Fungal

Brown Spot (Septoria glycines Hemmi)

В.	DISEASE REAG	CTIONS (Continued	0 = Not Tested	$ \begin{array}{ccc} 2 \\ 1 & \text{Susceptible} & 2 & \text{Fig. 2} \end{array} $	004 003 10 Resistant 3 Tolerant	
	Frogeye Lea	of Spot (<i>Cercospora</i> .	sojina Hara)			
	0 race 1		0 race 2	0 race 3	0 race 4	
	0 race 5	-	0 race 6			
_	o lace 3	L.	o lace o	Other (Please	Specify)	
	Target Spot (Corynespora cassiicola (Berk. & Curt.) Wei)					
	Downey Mildew (Peronospora trifoliorum var. manchurica (Naum.) Syd. ex Gäum)					
	Powdery Mildew (Microsphaera diffusa Cke. & Pk.)					
	3 Brown Stem Rot (Phialophora gregata (Allington & Chamberlain) W. Gams.)					
	Stem Canker (Diaporthe phaseolorum (Cke. & Ell.) Sacc. var. caulivora Athow & Caldwell)					
	Pod and Stem Blight (Diaporthe phaseolorum (Cke. & Ell.) Sacc. var. sojae (Lehman) Wehm.)					
(0 Purple Seed Stain (Cercospora kikuchii (T. Matsu. & Tomoyasu) Gardener)					
0	0 Rhizoctonia Root Rot (Rhizoctonia solani Kühn)					
Phytophthora Root Rot (Phytophthora megasperma Drechs. f. sp. glycinea (Kuan & Erwin))						
1	race 1	1 race 8	1 race 15	1 race 22		
1		1 race 9	1 race 16	1 race 23		
1		1 race 10	1 race 17	1 race 24		
1		1 race 11	1 race 18	1 race 25		
1	race 5	1 race 12	1 race 19	1 race 26		
1	race 6	1 race 13	1 race 20	Other (Please Specify):		
1	race 7	1 race 14	1 race 21			
0	Bud Blight (T	obacco Ringspot Vi	rus)			
0	Yellow Mosaic (Bean Yellow Mosaic Virus)					
0	Cowpea Mosaic (Cowpea Chlorotic Virus)					
0	Pod Mottle (Bean Pod Mottle Virus)					

B. DISEASE REACTIONS (Continued) 0 = Not Tested 1 = Susceptible	2004 9-03 410			
0 Seed Mottle (Soybean Mosaic Virus)				
Nematode				
Soybean Cyst Nematode (Heterodera glycines Ichinohe)				
0 race 1 0 race 4 0 race 9				
0 race 2 0 race 5 1 race 14 (former r. 4)				
1 race 3 0 race 6 Other (Please Specify)				
0 Lance Nematode (Hoplolaimus columbus Sher)				
0 Southern Root Knot Nematode (Meloidogyne incognita (Kofoid & White) Chit	wood)			
0 Northern Root Knot Nematode (Meloidogyne hapla Chitwood)				
Peanut Root Knot Nematode (Meloidogyne arenaria (Neal) Chitwood)				
0 Reniform Nematode (Rotylenchus reniformus Linwood & Olivera)				
Javanese Nematode (Meloidogyne javanica (Treub) Chitwood)				
Other Nematode (Please Specify)				
C. PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSES 0 = Not Tested 1 = Susceptible	2 = Resistant 3 = Tolerant			
3 Iron Chlorosis on Calcareous Soil				
0 Phosphorus				
0 Boron				
0 Aluminum				
0 Salt				
0 Drought				
Other (Please Specify)				

Mexican Bean Beetle (Epilachna varivestis Mulsant)	
0 Potato Leaf Hopper (Empoasca fabae (Harris))	200400310
Other (Please Specify)	
E. HERBICIDE REACTIONS 0 = Not Tested 1 = Susceptible	2 = Resistant
2 Metribuzin	
0 Bentazone	
1 Sulfonylurea	
2 Glyphosate	
1 Glufosinate	
0 Pendimethalin	
Other (Please Specify)	
F. TRANSGENIC COMPOSITION Has the development of the Subject Variety included the insertion or removal of general section of the Subject Variety included the insertion or removal of general section of the Subject Varuet in Please state the vector's name: 2. Please state the vector components: 3. Please describe the genetic material successfully transferred into the Subject Varuet in Please describe the insertion protocol: * A literature citation(s) explaining the four information requests above may be an the "Transgenic Composition" portion of this form.	iety:
U.S. Patent No. 5,776,760. Issue Date: July 7, 1998. Inventor: Barry, Gerard, an Monsanto Company. Patent Application No. 484,274.	d Kishore, Ganesh. Assignee:
ABSTRACT: Genes encoding a glyphosate oxidoreductase enzyme are disclosed. The transformed bacteria and plants which degrade glyphosate herbicide as well as crop pherbicide.	e genes are useful in producing plants which are tolerant to glyphosate

1 = Susceptible

2 = Resistant 3 = Tolerant

0 = Not Tested

D. INSECT REACTIONS

G. BIOCHEMICAL MARKERS

Please describe any biochemical information here which you believe will be helpful in further describing the Subject Variety (e.g. Simple Sequence Repeats, Restriction Fragment Length Polymorphisms, Isozymic Characterization). Use additional pages if necessary.

H. COMMENTS

MONSANTO TECHNOLGY LLC PVP APPLICATION - 0384279

EXHIBIT D

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION OF INVENTION

0384279 is a late maturity group 00 variety with resistance to Roundup to herbicide. It has very high yield potential. It has superior yields to lines of similar maturity and has excellent agronomic characteristics, including lodging resistance. In tests, it has beaten Asgrow AG0201 by 108 % overall, winning at 5 of 6 locations. It is adapted to the late maturity group 00 growing areas of Minnesota, Ontario, and North Dakota. It has average appearance.

Plant variety protection can only be afforded to the owners (not licensees) who meet the following criteria:

- 1. If the rights to the variety are owned by the original breeder, that person must be a U.S. national, national of a UPOV member country, or national of a country which affords similar protection to nationals of the U.S. for the same genus and species.
- 2. If the rights to the variety are owned by the company which employed the original breeder(s), the company must be U.S. based, owned by nationals of a UPOV member country, or owned by nationals of a country which affords similar protection to nationals of the U.S. for the same genus and species.
- 3. If the applicant is an owner who is not the original owner, both the original owner and the applicant must meet one of the above criteria.

The original breeder/owner may be the individual or company who directed the final breeding. See Section 41(a)(2) of the Plant Variety Protection Act for definitions.

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